

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. All exhibits are open to everyone within the trading area of Saline, except as otherwise mentioned. Exhibitor ages is as of January 1st this year. Youngest age for a livestock exhibitor shall be six (6) years. Exhibitor numbers will be pre-assigned. Exhibitor numbers will be available in Bldg. A during entry times in those buildings. New livestock exhibitors will receive their numbers prior to the fair.
- B. **All livestock exhibits must be entered in the name of the exhibitor. Refer to each department for animal arrival times. Animals will be released at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Entries in Home Economics and Agriculture Departments close at noon on Tuesday. Entry form must be turned into a superintendent after exhibits are entered. Still Exhibits are not permitted to leave the grounds prior to 9:00 p.m. Sunday. Building A will be closed at 8:00 p.m. to prepare for release.**
- C. Owners of livestock must arrange for feed and bedding, and be prepared to provide their own pens if necessary.
- D. Ribbons will be awarded to all place winners.
- E. The association reserves the right to refuse any entry not showing good quality. All exhibitors must help clean manure inside and outside of buildings. \$25 per running foot will be charged to exhibitors that do not clean up their livestock exhibit site. Judges will be appointed by the Superintendent.
- F. All protests must be made in writing and must state plainly the cause for complaint and must be filed with the secretary of the fair within 10 days from close of fair. A \$25.00 fee plus any additional expenses associated with the protest (animal testing, etc.) must accompany the signed complaint turned in and if it is a legitimate complaint, the money will be refunded. When a protest is regularly made the same shall be referred to the rules committee. **The rules committee** will review the protest and report the decision to the executive committee. The executive committee will issue a notice of findings and recommendations. All decisions shall be final. After filing with the Saline Community Fair, protests may be filed with Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development within 45 days. MDARD has 60 days to respond to the protest. **Decision of the judge is final. Protests may not be filed on judges decisions.** Any exhibitor may file a complaint regarding any of the following:
- a) Conflict of interest of the judge.
 - b) Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor.
 - c) Exhibitor, group leader, or superintendent behavior.
 - d) Eligibility of the exhibit.
- G. Judges will in no case award a premium where there is no merit, though there be no competition, and in case of partial merit, second premium may be awarded, though no first premium may be given.
- H. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to prevent accidents, but the Fair Association will not be responsible for any that may occur.
- I. Reasonable care will be taken of all articles and animals on exhibition, but in no case will the Association be responsible for any loss or damage to the same. Police service will close at midnight Sunday, and all exhibits must be removed by that time or left at the owner's risk.
- J. All premiums will be paid within 60 days of closing of the Fair and may be pro-rated according to available funds. Premiums will only be paid to the exhibitor of record.
- K. Ribbons and rosettes will be awarded for all places as listed for each class, unless otherwise specified.
- L. Merchant exhibitors will be allowed two free passes. Any additional passes must be purchased.
- M. Agriculture and Home Economics exhibits may be removed after 9:00 p.m. Sunday.
- N. The Steer, Feeder Calf, Lamb, Swine, Dairy and Beef barn will be under the supervision of the Saline Junior Livestock Association for the duration of the Fair. Monday through Sunday, the barn will be closed by 11 p.m., and the livestock will not be permitted to leave the fairgrounds without the consent of the Association. Livestock will not be permitted to leave the grounds prior to Sunday at 9:00 p.m. and cannot be hauled out.
- O. **Requirements for Dairy, Beef, Feeder Calf, Lamb, Goats, Horses, and Swine**
The Saline Community Fair Board has voted to **REQUIRE** that all Cattle, Goats, Cervids, Sheep, and Swine must have an official USDA Identification Tag. All animals on exhibition regardless of age, must meet MDARD Rules.
- Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan may be viewed on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development web site at www.michigan.gov/mdard and then click on fairs and horses or will be available in the fair office. A link to the rules may also be found on the Saline Community Fair website at www.salinefair.org.
 - **Any animals failing to meet these requirements will not be allowed to remain on the premise.**
 - **Horses and Ponies – Original Papers indicating negative EIA test required. Inspection prior to entry onto the grounds.**
- O. **Raffles:** Will be allowed only for local, non-profit organizations. Proof of current, valid license required
- P. **Code of Conduct:** Youth Market Livestock exhibitors must comply with the "Code of Conduct".